A.—(a) & (b) A statement [a] is attached giving particulars as far as they are available in respect of works in charge of the Revenue Department. Particulars in respect of minor works in charge of the Public Works Department have been called for.

(c) & (d) The Government are not aware that the facts are as stated in clause (c), B.S.O. No. 87, contains detailed instructions for the maintenance of minor irrigation works. The Government do not consider any special enquiry necessary in South Arcot.

Improvements to the Talaparigi in Rayadrug taluk, Bellary district.

* 204 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to the question No. 150, dated 5th August 1931, whether any estimate has been sanctioned for the improvement of the Talaparigi in survey No. 51 of Belodu village, Rayadrug taluk, Bellary district, and, if so, when and if not, why not?

A.—A revised estimate for Rs. 1,785 for improvements to the Talaparigi tank has been sent by the Collector on 4th September 1933 to the Executive Engineer for technical scrutiny.

Repairs to the spring-channels in Pudupalayam village, Cheyyar taluk, North Arcot district.

* 205 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are two spring-channels irrigating about 200 acres of land in Pudupalayam (village No. 130) of Cheyyar taluk, North Arcot district;

(b) the present condition of the channels;

(c) whether any repairs have been effected to the channels during the last twenty years and, if so, the nature of the repairs;

(d) whether on 4th September 1933 further damage has been caused to the Mettukalva, one of the two channels; and

(e) whether any representations by the villagers were made to the Collector and the Revenue authorities and the action, if any, taken thereon?

A.—(a) There are two channels in the village: (1) Cheyyar river mettu kal with an ayacut of 186·70 acres and (2) Cheyyar river palla kal with an ayacut of 32·42 acres.

(b) to (e) The Government have not the information but have called for a report.

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 245 infra.

11-30 a.m. Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"Will the Government be pleased to place a copy of the report on the table of the House, when it is obtained for the information of hon. Members?

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"The suggestion will be considered."

Orders of Government regarding Rajakkamangalam tank and channel in the Tinnevelly district.

*206 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what orders, if any, have been passed on the report called for by the Government in reference to the Rajakkamangalam tank and channel in the Tinnevelly district as per answer to interpellation No. 480, dated 24th January 1933?

A.—A copy of the Collector's report on the subject, dated 13th March 1933, is attached.[a] The Chief Engineer has been asked to have the orders regarding the transfer of the tank and channel to the Public Works Department expedited. No other orders of Government are required in the matter.

Land Revenue Administration

Number of villages in Salem district affected by the Mettur dam.

*207 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Mettur dam is likely to be finished;

(*b*) what the extent of the submerged area is in the Salem district by the Mettur reservoir;

(*c*) how many villages in the Salem district have been ordered to be vacated on account of this dam; and

(*d*) how many people in the Salem district were rendered homeless by means of this dam?

A.—(*a*) In June 1934.

(*b*) The area which will be actually submerged in Salem district when the completed Mettur reservoir is full is not known, but it is estimated at about 25 square miles.

(*c*) Twenty-five hamlets.

(*d*) One thousand four hundred and ninety-six houses were acquired in the Salem district. The exact number of people affected by the acquisition is not known.

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[a] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 246-247.